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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES ON ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF NIGERIAN  
DELEGATION TO UNGA

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1. FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES ON ADDITIONAL  
MEMBERS ON NIGERIAN DELEGATION TO UNGA, AS PROMISED  
REFTEL.

2. B. AKPORODE CLARK, AMBASSADOR TO BERN, ANKARA,  
VIENNA AND UN GENEVA, IS CLOSE PERSONAL ASSOCIATE OF  
PERMSEC JOE IYALLA (SEE REFTEL). HIS PREVIOUS  
ASSIGNMENT WAS DEPUTY PERMSEC OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
MINISTRY IN LAGOS. CLARK, KNOWN AS "B.A." TO FRIENDS,  
IS PUGNACIOUS IN APPEARANCE, INTELLIGENT, HARD WORKER,  
AND ONE OF MOST OUTSPOKEN NIGERIAN DIPLOMATS --  
FREQUENTLY TO POINT OF BLUNTNESS. HE IS UNAFRAID TO  
MAKE VIEWS KNOWN AND THEY ARE OFTEN SHARPLY DIVERGENT  
FROM THOSE OF AMERICAN INTERLOCUTORS. HE IS RESENTFUL  
OVER EXTENT OF US SUPPORT FOR BIAFRA DURING CIVIL WAR,  
AND SUSPICIOUS ABOUT OUR POLICIES VIS-A-VIS SOUTHERN  
AFRICA. AT UNGA WE EXPECT HIM TAKE PARTICULAR INTEREST  
IN DISARMAMENT ISSUE SINCE THIS ONE OF HIS  
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RESPONSIBILITIES IN GENEVA. USUN SHOULD HAVE ADDITIONAL

INFO ON HIM.

3. ALHAJI MUHAMMED AMINU SANUSI, NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO PRC, PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND AS ENVOY TO BRAZIL, CANADA AND EEC. WORLDLY-WISE FULANI (NORTHERN NIGERIA) ARISTOCRAT, SANUSI BUILT REPUTATION IN HIS POSTS AS PLAYBOY AND WOMAN CHASER, WHO MADE LITTLE PROFESSIONAL MARK AND WAS SOMETIMES REGARDED AS "DEAD LOSS." AT SAME TIME HE IS APPARENTLY PERSONALLY AFFABLE, RECEPTIVE AND EASY TO DEAL WITH.

4. NUHU MOHAMMED, PRESENT AMBASSADOR TO KHARTOUM, WAS BORN IN 1929. HE WAS POSTED AS AMBASSADOR IN BAMAKO FROM 1966 UNTIL 1968, AND, ALTHOUGH OFTEN POORLY INFORMED, WAS FRIENDLY, COOPERATIVE AND WELL DISPOSED TOWARD US. TALL, SPARE HAUSA, MOHAMMED IS ON QUIET SIDE AND ENJOYS INFORMAL, RELAXED SOCIALIZING. FOLLOWING GRADUATION FROM CAMBRIDGE, HE SERVED IN NORTHERN NIGERIA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT AS DIPLOMAT.

5. JOLLY TANKO YUSUF IS A NON-CAREER DIPLOMAT, PRESENTLY SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN POSTED TO HAMBURG AND WASHINGTON. HE WAS BORN IN 1926, EDUCATED IN UK, AND EMPLOYED BY NORTHERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT AS ITS REP IN UK UNTIL 1966.

6. M.A. CARPENTER, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION FOR MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, WAS BORN IN 1932 AND ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN 1959. HIS MOST RECENT POST BEFORE RETURNING TO LAGOS IN 1972 WAS AS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO LAKE CHAD BASIN COMMISSION. CARPENTER IS VERY OPEN AND APPROACHABLE BUT WILL PROBABLY DEAL PRIMARILY WITH PRESS RELATIONS RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

7. A.D.S. BLANKSON WORKS IN AFRICAN DEPT OF MEA AND APPEARS WELL INFORMED, ARTICULATE AND APPROACHABLE.  
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